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The University of Dayton

News Release

UD TO HONOR EDUCATOR, GRADUATES AT SPRING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

DAYTON, Ohio, April 9, 1984 -- The University of Dayton will hold its spring commencement exercises on Sunday, April 29, at 10 a.m. in the UD Arena. Among the 1,380 degree recipients will be native Daytonian Ernest L. Boyer, Ph.D., president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Boyer will be awarded the honorary Doctor of Education degree.

Fourteen associate degrees, 1,111 bachelor's degrees, 254 master's degrees, and one doctorate will be awarded to 757 men and 623 women at the 134th UD commencement. A graduation Mass will be celebrated Saturday, April 28, at 4:30 p.m. in the UD Arena for the graduates and their families. Following Mass, UD President Brother Raymond L. Fitz, S.M., will host a reception in the UD Arena from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with a dance for the graduates and their families in the John F. Kennedy Memorial Union from 9 p.m. to midnight.

In bestowing the honorary Doctor of Education degree upon Boyer, UD is honoring an internationally known educator, scholar, author, and innovator who has dedicated his life to exploring the U.S. educational system's strengths and weaknesses. His recently published book, High School, reveals the conditions of U.S. high schools and the need for service components in their curricula.

Boyer served as the 23rd U.S. Commissioner of Education. As past chancellor of the State University of New York, he negotiated the first undergraduate exchange program with the Soviet Union and launched a new non-campus institution called Empire State College.

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The recipient of 42 honorary degrees, Boyer is recognized for his innovations in education. While academic dean at Upland College, he introduced the mid-year term (the 4-1-4 concept). He has been listed in U.S. News and World Report for the last five years as one of the top educators in the nation.

Boyer is a past president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. He was a member of the Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education, the President's Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs, and the President's Commission on Foreign Language and International Education.

Boyer was born in Dayton in 1928. He and his wife, the former Kathryn Garis Tyson, have four children.